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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Ana L. Woodward

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 June 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SF/ICE)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/28/06
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the language "high molecular" is indefinite as to scope and meaning.

In claim 1, it is unclear if or how the language governed by "i.e.," limits the claimed subject matter. Is the polycondensate limited to these polymer species?

In claim 1, the metes and bounds of the "block copolymer" are indeterminate in scope. What materials constitute said block copolymer?

In claim 1, line 4, there is no express antecedent basis in the claim for "a mixture of at least two of these said polycondensates".

In claim 2, it is unclear as to what is meant by "R1 and R2 taken together, are..."

In claim 6, no distinction can be seen between the generic term "additive" and either the bislactam or diepoxide materials per the base claim.

In claim 6, no distinction can be seen between the generic term "additive" and any of the filler, reinforcing agent or stabilizer materials.

Claim 9 appears to be redundant to claim 3.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

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having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DE 20110603.

DE ' 603 discloses polyester-based products produced by mixing 60-80 weight % polyester, 10-30 weight % polyolefin, 1-10 weight % ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate copolymer, 0-3 weight % ethylene/vinyl acetate copolymer, 0-2 weight % chain brancher or viscosity enhancer, and 0-15 weight % thermoplastic elastomer based on olefin and/or polyester and up to 1 weight % additives, up to 3 weight % foaming agent and up to 40 weight % inorganic fillers. Preferred chain extenders and viscosity enhancers comprise bis-caprolactams (especially carbonyl bis-caprolactamate) and bis-epoxides.

The abstract does not offer a working example of the use of carbonyl bis-caprolactamate and bis-epoxide as chain extenders and viscosity enhancers. It would have been within the general purview of the reference disclosure, and thus obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art, to have employed carbonyl bis-caprolactamate in combination with bis-epoxide for their expected additive effect as chain extenders and viscosity enhancers. Accordingly, absent evidence of unusual or unexpected results, no patentability can be seen in the presently claimed subject matter.

Prior Art of Relevance

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ana L. Woodward whose telephone number is (571) 272-1082. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday (8:30-5:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on (571) 272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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